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THE GRAND.
ALL WEEK—SMITH'S.
ALL WEEK—VADEVILLE.
WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—For Lower Michigan—Generally fair; winds becoming variable.

ONE MORE ATTEMPT.

It appears that the attorneys for Mr. Belknap have made an application to the supreme court for relief from the unjust action of the Ionia county canvassing board. The precise nature of the petition is unknown to any except the attorneys and those to whom they have confided the knowledge except the meagre information wired from Lansing. The question that presents itself to the mind of the layman is, "What can the supreme court do?" Suppose that it be found that the Ionia board exceeded its authority and made a return altogether false, what order of the court directed to it will undo the work of the state board? Suppose it can be shown that positive theft was committed in Ionia county, and that the supreme court shall order by a writ that the board reconvene and count the ballots thrown out—the same process must be extended to the state board to have any effect whatever. Then suppose the state board would reconvene, re-canvass the vote of this district, and issue a certificate to Mr. Belknap, what difference would there be in the status of the affair? The democratic house would have the same jurisdiction then it has now. It would refuse to recognize the second certificate and compel the defeated candidate to make a contest. If such a contest were made the committee on elections would call for the tally sheets and ballot boxes. That committee would count the eight Plainfield votes, throw out the Soldiers' home precinct, and finally ratify and confirm the action of the Ionia county canvassers. All this is just as probable as the gospel is true; not only probable, but absolutely certain to take place in the event of a contest. The house is the sole and final judge. From its decision no appeal can be taken. So if the entire vote of this congressional district be brought before the supreme court, and its decision is for or against the contestant it will not have a feather's weight influence on the final result. But the proceedings will be watched with interest by many, simply because they are in the nature of a postmortem effort to resurrect a dead man for the satisfaction of having him killed over again.

REVIVES HIS NERVE.

Clemenceau, editor of the Paris La Justice who has figured in a number of duels, called Deroulede, a colleague in the chamber of deputies, a liar, whereupon a challenge to mortal combat was issued and accepted. The principals kissed their friends farewell while copious tears were shed and repaired to the battle ground. Standing twenty-five feet apart they blazed away with pistols, three times, at each other's ventricle, but the bullets sped wide of the mark and came near perforating the spectators, who scrambled out of harm's way. At the end of the third shot each confessed his honor avenged and returned to his home covered with glory and unsmiled dueling armor. It is probable that this bloodless affray will revive the bellicose nerve of M. Joseph Medil who has been challenged to fight the Duc de Mores. M. Joseph will insist upon naming the weapons, and when he shall do so they will be classed as rifle 200-pounders. He will also insist upon fighting at close range so there will be no doubt as to the termination. Standing one foot from the mouth of a 200-pounder M. Joseph ought to be able to let a whole hay mow full of daylight through the saucy and impudent de Mores.

NOT AS FAVORABLE.

Our neighbor, The Leader, in discussing the proposition to make ex-presidents senators at large, overlooks the premise upon which such suggestion is based to subject to the establishment of a civil list. It is conceded that to pension ex-presidents would establish an unobjectionable evil. The House does not wish to be understood as advocating such a plan. Its scheme is to create the office of senator at large, to which no citizen other than an ex-president shall be eligible. A salary may be provided to pay the value of services rendered in the senate, not as a pension for services rendered as president. When a man has occupied the highest office within the gift of the people, it is humiliating to him and to those that he is compelled to lose his identity as an honored official in the common activities of his former occupation or profession. During his tenure of office he acquires a fund of information concerning the practical workings of government that no other man in a low-scaled position can acquire. The salary and perquisites of his office are generous and substantial, but his experience becomes of little value to him and to the people when he is reduced to private life. If he were to be introduced into the senate at the end of his term

as president, he would be able to give invaluable counsel and aid in consummating treaties with foreign powers, when such aid is not only needed, but almost imperatively so. With such a provision the presidential term should be extended to six years, and limited to one election. The number of senators at large would not exceed three or four at one time, and if such a delegation were to sit in the senate its influence would be continually exerted for the public good. The scheme is purely a selfish one. It does not contemplate giving added honors without substantial returns. It does not contemplate the payment of a bounty, but on the contrary it contemplates the exacting of distinguished services from the most thoroughly qualified officials. The Leader is quite right in urging that the people are under no obligation to make provision for the future life of our ex-presidents. The plan is not in the nature of a soft snap for the ex-presidents, but to secure to the people their valued experience and services. It doesn't need to carry a civil list or a pension roll for the senators at large will be active members of the senate. They will suffer no loss in prestige and fame by such an arrangement.

GIVE THEM FARMS.

Slowly the Indians are being hemmed in upon their reservations by the encroachments of civilization. The Indian Territory, once a proper asylum for them has been surrounded by whites, invaded by whites and partly dominated by whites. The Indians have lost their savage character and have been gradually transformed from a nomadic life to the half-civilized arts of civilization. They are neither savage or civilized and occupy an anomalous position towards themselves and the government. To shut the sentimental aspect of the case from view and to deal with them as human beings, entitled to dignified consideration is the supreme duty of the government. The tribal relations of the Indians should be abolished, not by harsh edict but by gentle and persuasive methods. The lands now held by them in strips and sections should revert to the government on an equitable appraisement and afterwards be allotted to individuals in severalty to be inalienably held for their direct descendants. This would be the first step toward permanent civilization. Once entrusted and invested with an inalienable fee to a homestead the Indian would accept the responsibility thereby entailed and conform to new and other conditions with which he would be surrounded. The school, the church and the work shop will not be cordially welcomed until the Indians are made to feel that their future well-being is dependent upon their maintenance. The Indian instinctively rebels against an education, a religion and an occupation that are forced on him. If he be made to see that the streams and forests will no longer afford him pleasure and a livelihood because the game and fishes have been driven away by the white men he will seek his living on the farm, devoted to him in severalty, and contribute his part to the maintenance of all. Not until the Indian begins to develop a capacity for self-government and self-support will he be taken out of his present anomalous condition to meet the advanced opportunity for intellectual and business recognition by the whites.

Local physicians and surgeons are discussing the advisability of establishing a distinct nomenclature for operations involving the opening of the abdominal region with the knife. It is claimed that many operations are performed entirely unrelated to laparotomy and that false impressions are created by the use of this general term in describing them. The Academy of Medicine has already taken the subject in hand and it is probable that it will submit to the general practice a list of names for each and every distinct operation which is now classed under the offensive definition, laparotomy.

From the number of sudden deaths of late among the ranks of the lowly and despoiled, a temperance lesson of terrible significance may be drawn—but the world is too busy to heed it. The world is just now preparing to celebrate the glad Christmas tide, and it will not turn to the police station and morgue to view the pallid and bloated features of the untimely dead.

That the county jail needs to be repaired, remodeled and enlarged is patent to anybody that will take the trouble to investigate. That it will cost a pretty penny to bring such a condition about is equally patent to the taxpayers. Sheriff McQueen has been handicapped in his efforts to keep the place inhabitable by the crude and imperfect conveniences.

Mr. Cress of New York wants the delivery of world's fair souvenir half dollars stopped until the fair shall be closed on Sunday. Mr. Cress lives in New York, but his deep soliloquy will be painfully shocked when he hears from the collector of the treasury that the world's fair is not yet open.

Few persons appreciate the extent of the fruit raising industry in this section of the state. It has become one of Michigan's great industries, and the efforts of the Horticultural and Fruit Growers' societies cannot fail to exert a wonderful influence.

It will be recalled that just after election The Eagle very vehemently declared that the time to pay election bets was when the successful candidate received his certificate of election. The Herald questioned the soundness of The Eagle's opinion at the time and explained at length that a certificate of election, when the vote is close, is merely prima facie evidence of the

right to occupy the office and may be entirely overcome by proof that the holder did not receive a legal election. It was understood that The Eagle was representing the views held by "Me and Pa" on the question, but now that the tables are turned and the certificate of election is issued to the other fellow "Me and Pa" refuse to pay their bets, like millionaires, holding that The Herald's opinion was right all the time. It makes a difference whose ox is gored, doesn't it?

Every young man in the city exultantly exclaims "good!" at the increasing fall of snow—but when he contemplates the probable size of the bill for a sleigh ride for his girl, his exultation tends to disappear.

Governor Wisnars has served 103 weeks as chief executive of this state. He has one more week to serve. All in all his administration may be classed as a weak one.

Any citizens of Grand Rapids that fails to drop dead or commit suicide during the present epidemic is missing one of the opportunities of a lifetime.

Dickinson and Crisp have had a conference. Is it not remarkable that the senator from New York is not conferred with by any of Grover's satellites?

Oregon has decided that levying campaign assessments is not a crime. It wouldn't make any particular difference in New York even if it were.

If At S. White's proposed anti-pass bill becomes a law, country members will be forced to stay in Lansing and play poker for amusement.

One of the rarest Christmas presents is a World's fair souvenir half-dollar. It stands on a par with a seal skin sacque.

Lillie Langtry is seriously ill, but she isn't half so sick as some of the men that have been snared by her beauty.

Adlat does not care a continental who delivers the world's fair addresses, so long as he manipulates the hatchet.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

The Grand offers to its patrons as a holiday offering George Peck's new scenic success, "Under the Lion's Paw," a play for jaded people, abounding in thrilling situations, break comedy, delightful specialties and more new features than any play seen here this season. In order to properly transport the horses, lions and other paraphernalia, a special train is called into service. This will be the only opportunity to see Col. Boone and Miss Carlotta and their wonderful shaggy lions prior to their European tour. A special holiday matinee will be given Monday.

There will be a matinee in Smith's today, when the really excellent program will begin in full.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.

John A. Morris, the Louisiana lottery king, has one of the finest country estates in America in Tangipahoa parish, Louisiana. It embraces 600 acres of good land, in which are preserved hundreds of deer and bear, and numberless coveys of game birds, while the four lakes on the place are black with wild ducks.

Not since the days of the Washburns, it is said, have there been brothers in the same congress, but this electoral curiosity will occur again next year. Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, will then begin his fourth term, while his brother, Representative Cockrell, of Texas, will take his seat in the house for the first time.

Mr. Swineburne has refused to write an estimate of Texas's place in literature on account of his ambition to succeed him as poet laureate. Mr. Gladstone desired to write an article on the subject, but was obliged to give it up, owing to urgent demands upon his time.

It is said that Senator Carlisle personally looked up all applicants for office from his state in a book. Every time he receives a letter from a new applicant he writes his name and address in the book under the heading of the office to which he aspires.

George Francis Train's latest scheme is to organize several large parties to travel around the world for forty days, celebrating their return by attending the world's fair in London. It is a starting point and also the terminal of their race against time.

Maxwell Evars, son of ex-Senator Evars, has resigned the assistant attorneyship of the southern district of New York and will go into private law practice with his brother-in-law, Charles H. Tweed, who is C. P. Huntington's attorney.

John F. Andrew says that when he went to Washington to succeed the late Mr. Morse, at least a dozen men said to him: "I hope when you leave congress you will have as many friends as Leopold Morse."

In the matter of a real jurisdiction in London, the lord mayor is a "bigger man" than Albert Edward, the coming king.

It is said that Governor Francis, of Missouri, will at the end of his term go to St. Louis and go back into business.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.

"Do you see that arch?" asked the conductor, sympathetically. "One of 'em does—and that's enough," the passenger growled. "It's a damn funny thing about the tool arch," the first man moralized. "If you see a don't see it, I like you lying and day laughs at you. Then if it do swell day laughs at you only now."

And the sufferer had to agree with him.—Chicago Mail.

Polite Doctor (cautiously)—Your husband is suffering from overwork or excessive indulgence in alcoholic stimulants—it is, almost a little difficult to tell which.

Andrews Wife—Oh, it's overwork. Why, he can't even go to the theater without rushing out half a dozen times to see his business partners.—Judge.

"Do you have champagne with your turkey?" "I should say so," replied the small boy. "Paw always tries to be funny on holidays."—Washington Star.

"I'll kiss you for the one," he said. "You will be the outside of me." The maiden blushed and hung her head. "I love the human race," said she.—Pork.

Victor—What is all that noise and racket in the private office? "Office Boy—Oh, that's the silent partner going over the books.—Life.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

The picture shows a visiting toilet of heliotrope and white cloth. The skirt touches the ground and is cut back and trimmed at the bottom by a band of white cloth, upon which are sewn velvet ribbons of a rather darker shade than that of the dress, or else black velvet ribbons. This band of white cloth is made of material cut bias. The skirt is lined with silk, or if it is not desired to line the dress, supposing it to be of heavy cloth, a silk petticoat must be worn, and the skirt must have a deep false hem. The top of the skirt must have the necessary darts to make it set well on the hips, and must fall behind in flat folds. The whole of the top of the skirt is sewn to a band. The



bodice is fastened in the middle and has a plastron of white cloth cut on the bias and sewn on one side to the lining, fastening on the other side under the revers. This plastron hides the fastening in the middle of the lining; it is placed on top of this, the material being removed for that purpose. The bodice is pointed revers, made of white cloth and ornamented with velvet ribbon. The sleeves on tight fitting lining are trimmed at the bottom by a band of white cloth, ornamented the same way as the revers, all the lower part of the sleeve being of the same cloth. The top part of the sleeve, which is very wide, is pleated on to the other tight-fitting sleeve in the manner shown by the engraving, and is made of stuff cut on the straight. The belt is in a point in front, made on stiff lining, wadded, and trimmed with velvet ribbons. This toilet can also be made in mauve silk and white velvet, and then it is more suitable to very young women. From each side of the plastron falls a ruffle of black lace and a smaller one adorns the bottom of the sleeves. A hat of white felt trimmed with black feathers, with a bow of heliotrope and a jet buckle completes the costume. FLORENCE.

PRINCE GEORGE AND THE SUCCESSION.

The interest in the matrimonial intentions of Prince George is growing in England. The story that the Prince of Wales had sunk into a bad state of health was not true, but it is true that the mere rumor, though promptly disproved by authoritative contradiction, lived long enough to revive uneasiness about the succession to the throne. This uneasiness starts from the fact that there are very few lives between the sovereignty of the British realm and the throne of the German empire. If there were between the throne and its present occupant, when her majesty was a child, and the fear is that, especially if there are turbulent times to come, the accession of a five princess might estrange the people, weaken the foundation of government in Britain and make an appreciable difference in the relations of the colonies to the mother country. How much there may be in such fears cannot be determined, of course, but reasonable or unreasonable, they were common enough to the commonsense heard just before the betrothal of the late Prince Albert Victor was announced, when they were put to rest.

GAVE THE KAISER A MEAL.

It is said that the kaiser was out hunting while in Austria recently, and found himself three miles from the luncheon baskets when he began to grow hungry. He therefore asked his valet to go and bring him a meal. He found a small farm not far away. Thither he went, and the woman of the house told him she had only milk, bread, butter and wurst to set before him, and very little of that. "Nik bread, butter and wurst!" exclaimed his majesty. "Why, that is a meal to set before a king." And he set to with such good will that soon only a few fragments remained. "And now, my good woman," said the emperor, taking a golden doubloon from his pocket and placing it in the hands of the farmer's wife, "go and buy yourself more wurst and more bread, and if you can afford it out of the change, a 20-cent picture of the kaiser, for you can then point to it and say: 'I once saved that poor man from starvation.'"—Carmen Sylva's Condition.

The condition of Queen Elizabeth of Romania, according to European papers, is still so serious that her return to Bucharest has been postponed indefinitely. She prefers to remain in one of the castles of her family in Germany and devote herself to writing poetry. It is said that she declined positively to return to the Romanian capital to attend the ceremonies following the wedding of the crown prince and the Princess Marie of Edinburgh. Her majesty is still true to Mrs. Vaccaro, who won the heart of the young prince two years ago. The wedding of the future king is expected at Sigmaringen, Germany, his native place. The young pair will then proceed to Bucharest, where they will receive the blessing of the metropolitan in the metropolitan church. The children of the marriage are to be brought up in the religion of the Greek church.

QUEEN OF PORTUGAL.

Although the Queen of Spain has not attended a bull fight since the death of her husband and has never become reconciled to the inhuman sport she yielded to the solicitations of the Queen of Portugal, who being to the bull fight ordered an exhibition on a scale unusually grand. The affair attracted her commands and personal enthusiasm. The Duke of Veragua, the former breeder of Spain of Andalusian bulls, supplied eight magnificent animals, each one full of courage, strength

and ferocity, says the Illustrated American. Their pride, their power and their beauty made the grand to look upon. One could not help lamenting in advance their cruel fate. The Duke of Veragua, it may be mentioned, is a representative of the descendants of Columbus, and the bull fight was part of the celebrations of the anniversary of the discovery of America.

COUNTESS GLEICHEN THE SCULPTOR.

Countess Frederic Gleichen, the gifted daughter of the late Prince Victor of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, who has inherited her father's talents as a sculptor, and a so the studio which he had made for his work in St. James' palace, is now engaged in producing a life-size statue of the queen of which her majesty gave several sittings before she went to Halmstad, and is to give one or two final ones when she returns to Windsor. The statue is being executed for Lord Mount Stephen and Sir Donald Smith, and when it is finished is to cross the Atlantic in order to take up its abode in the Victoria Jubilee hospital at Montreal, which is under the especial patronage of her majesty. Countess Frederic is not only an artist of considerable power, she is also much liked in society, and is a special friend of the daughter of the earl of Warwick. She is also intimate with the young princesses of Wales and Princess May of Teck, whose cousin she is. She was one of the bevy of bridesmaids who followed the duchess of Fife to the altar at her marriage.

FEMALE REFORMERS BEWARE.

The female reformers should beware. The worm will turn if you crowd him too close. It is all right to demand a share in the offices and the right to vote. We may even surrender the sacred privilege of a night key. But when the reformed reformers go to organizing a crusade against the sacred, manly right of expectorating anywhere and everywhere, the hunted stag will surely turn at bay. That's what they have done in Brooklyn, and if the movement be not stopped in its infancy, men will soon be denied the liberty of spitting all over the floors of street cars.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

INVENTION OF A WOMAN.

An enterprising young woman in the far south has invented, manufactured and put on the market what promises to become one of the most popular amusements of the present season. "Spinners, plain or progressive, is one of those fool, fastening games which spread over the country like wildfire every year or so, furnishing amusement for thousands for a short time. This particular game consists of a number of small tops, of various sizes and colors, when manipulated according to rule, are said to furnish any amount of fun for any number of players.

REFORMING A PARROT.

A Pittsburgher who spent a part of last summer in England tells an incident which sadly disturbed the religious peace of a parish in Penzance. A maiden lady of that town owned a parrot, which somehow acquired the disagreeable habit of observing at frequent intervals:

"I wish the old lady would die." This annoyed the bird's owner, who spoke to her curate about it. "I think we can remedy the matter," replied the good man. "I also have a parrot, and he is a righteous bird, he has been brought up in the way he should go. I will lend you my parrot, and trust his influence will reform that depraved bird of yours."

The curate's parrot was placed in the same room with the wicked one, and as soon as the two had become accustomed to each other the bad bird remarked:

"I wish the old lady would die." Whereupon the clergyman's bird rolled up his eyes and in solemn accents added:

"We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord." The story got out in the parish, and for several Sundays it was necessary to omit the litany at the church services.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

WOMAN AND LEGAL STUDY.

Great effort is being made to interest women in legal study, and at the New York University a course of free lectures has been arranged, at the close of which certificates of proficiency will be awarded. Twenty scholarships have been offered to women, and a \$200 prize will be given by the University and the Woman's Legal Education Society to the student passing the highest examination.

POINTS ABOUT WOMEN.

Madame Ribot (the wife of the recently summoned premier of France who declined to form a cabinet) is an American lady, who will shine as one of the brightest society stars at the Court of James, if, as the French people anticipate, her husband shall become the French minister to England.

Susan B. Anthony thinks we are on the verge of an era of unmarried women, because young men do not make enough money to support their wives, and there is such a craze for dissipation among them that the women would rather go into a store for almost nothing than to marry.

Thirty girls in the candy department of the American Biscuit and Manufacturing company's factory at Sioux City, Ia., struck because one of their number was discharged. The strikers won after being out a half day.

When Col. P. Huntington's adopted daughter, Clara, became the wife of Prince Hissidide the marriage settlements included monetary arrangements to be made in case of divorce.

Mrs. Gladstone is a voter in Canada and owns property at Niagara Falls, Canada. She owns three acres of land worth about \$5,000 an acre.

PERSONAL MENTION.

George E. Rogers and Cora Cummings were married last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 220 South Division street, by the Rev. J. E. Smith of the South Congregational church.

Mrs. Thomas G. Smith and children have gone to Glenora, Ontario, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Smith's parents.

Miss Lulu Mills of Coit avenue and Ida Laramy of Perry street left yesterday for a three weeks' visit in Canada. Born—to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hill of Wenham avenue, an eight-pound daughter.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The Sunday edition of THE HERALD was a monster of fifty-two pages. It is the largest edition of any paper ever printed in Grand Rapids. The management are to be congratulated in the excellence both of the reading matter and the mechanical work.—Grand Rapids West side Daily.

THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD on Sunday morning issued fifty-two pages, illustrated and well filled pages, one of the largest editions ever gotten out in the Valley City.—Cedar Springs Clipper.

NEWS OF THE HOTELS.

Dr. O. G. Youngquist, physician at the state's prison at Marquette, is a guest at the Morton. "There are now 135 inmates in the prison," said the doctor. "We have no especially tough characters; all of them having been subdued. I think the guard system is one of the defects of the modern prison. It has a tendency to make prisoners rebellious and ill-natured. I believe it is possible for a warden not to have the slightest trouble in the management of convicts. Men are men the world over. You can coax them; but you can't drive them. I believe a lack of kindness is one of the chief defects of our modern penal system. A prison should be a reformatory. You can't reform a man with a gun and a club. Get on the right side of the prisoners, treat them kindly; but insist that they shall obey all needed regulations, and it is almost possible to maintain a prison without a guard. Of course, guards can't be without; but they are not a factor in the reformation of a man."

The hotel business in this city has been growing lighter for the past two weeks, and the dull season has come with a rush. The trade is merely local now. The traveling men have nearly all gone. The persons that are purchasing Christmas goods, together with those going north or south to spend the holidays constitute the principal business of the local hotels now.

Fred L. Dibble of Fort Mackinac is a guest at the Kent. "I have a twenty days' furlough," said Mr. Dibble yesterday. "A soldier doesn't get a vacation very often, and so I'm in the city visiting friends and relatives."

APPROVES AN EDITORIAL.

EDITOR HERALD—I was much interested in your editorial concerning our ex-presidents. Your suggestions, it would seem, ought to meet with general approval, and I sincerely hope other journals will take the matter up, so that it may be publicly discussed the country over. The president of the United States occupies as exalted a position as the queen of England, the emperor of Germany, or the czar of all Russia. We, however, in our conceited individualism are apt to treat our chief executive with as little consideration as we would a ward constable. We forget how great and noble a thing it is to be the chosen chief of a nation with a population of over 60,000,000 souls constituting a power second to none on the face of the earth. It seems then highly proper that the nation should for its own dignity and its honor among the nations of the earth either pension its ex-presidents for life or that it should do so. You suggest create an office befitting the ex-president's high rank, in which we can continue to show our respect for him, and in which his own self respect may be nurtured. The title, "Senator at Large," would be eminently fitting for the man who has been chief of the nation. He would thus

continue to represent the nation before the world, and would forever give the lie to the oft uttered charge that republicans are ungrateful. Having no office befitting his high rank, enjoying an income which would forever release him from care, and, expected as a patriot and a statesman to give his talents to preserve and advance the best interests of his country free from all mere partisan stress, he could be our ideal American; and being put on his honor he would grow in honor until death claimed him. The wonder is we have not thought of this before, but now that our attention has been called to our duty, as true Americans we should gladly perform it. Cordially second your suggestion.

CHARLES K. GIBSON.

Jay Gould Was Seldom Seen.

One of the most striking peculiarities of Mr. Gould's daily life was his remarkable ability to avoid personal observation. At least 300 days of each year were spent in whole or in part in his office in the Western Union building. He went in and out without making any apparent effort to keep from being seen. His face was perfectly familiar to everybody in New York, and yet among the thousands or more persons who were employed in and about the Western Union building, and whose duties called them there every day in the year, more than 90 per cent of them never saw Mr. Gould in their lives. If seen at any time by one of the little knots of telegraph operators who always gathered about the door of the big building, the fact created as much of a stir as if they had just caught a glimpse of the czar of Russia or the wild man of Borneo.

Out of the hundreds of thousands of theater goers in New York city few remember ever having seen him at a place of amusement, and this was not because he did not go often, but from his ability to keep from attracting observation, coupled with the other fact that there were so many men who resembled him that a man was never quite certain whether he was looking at Mr. Gould or one of his many doubles.—New York World.

A Reversible Overcoat.

Gus De Smith—I say, Jones, your overcoat looks shabby. Why don't you get a new one?

Jones—Mose Schaumburg has shut down on my credit.

"Then take it to a tailor and have it turned."

"Humph, do you think that this coat has got three sides?"—Texas Siftings.

The Reason for an Action.

"Oh, papa, I know what makes people laugh in their sleeves!"

"Well, my son, what makes them?"

"Cause that's where their funny bone is!"—Exchange.



Soft upon the midnight breezes,
Comes sweet music loud and clear,
Tis the sound of Swedish Sleigh Bells
Chiming in the winter air.

ON DECEMBER 23D, 1795, Sir Henry Clinton, the celebrated British general, in the Revolutionary War, died in England.

He was the son of Admiral George Clinton, Colonial Governor of New York, entered the army at an early age, was sent over with Burgoyne and Howe in 1775, and in 1778 succeeded Howe as Commander in Chief of the British forces in America.

Swedish Sleigh Bells are something new in Grand Rapids, but judging from the way people are buying them, our streets will soon be filled with a melody never before heard. We have, this winter, the best assortment of Sleigh Bells we ever have had. Open Bells, Team Bells, Neck Straps, Shaft Chimes and Saddle Chimes—every kind of bell that is at all useful or ornamental.



"Quack! Alack! I feel in my wishbone that this is my last home run, for that Imp has bought one of Foster, Stevens & Co's Carvers. But I have the satisfaction of knowing, that if my end has come, I will not be all hacked up with a dull knife." It must be humiliating to any well brought-up goose to be inartistically carved up, but this must be the inevitable result if a poor knife is used. We have a line of carvers unsurpassable; carvers in ivory, in bone, in wood, in celluloid and in pearl; carvers for breakfast, carvers for dinner, Game Carvers, carvers of every description.

COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21 we shall keep open every evening during the rest of the week, that you all may see how our Carvers look in the electric light.

Foster & Stevens
& Co.
MONROE ST.